

MINUTES  
BEN GEREN PARK BOARD MEETING  
April 9, 2012  
12:00 Noon

The regular meeting of the Ben Geren Park Board was held at 12:00 noon, April 9, 2012, at the Ben Geren Park Community Building, 7200 Zero, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Present were:

Mr. Eddy Beshears  
Mr. Jerry Neel

Absent was:

Mrs. Beth Presley

Others present were:

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson  
Mr. Jerry Roberts, Assistant Administrator  
Mr. Channon Toland, Parks Administrator  
Mr. Brian Cummins, Golf Course Superintendent  
Mr. Bobby Faulkner, Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
Mrs. Paula Vincent, Parks Administrative Secretary  
Mr. Joe Mundy, Ben Geren Softball Association President

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Mr. Eddy Beshears, Chairman. Bud Harper, a valued member of the Park Board, will be missed by everyone.

Minutes of the March 12, 2012, meeting were reviewed.

The first item on the agenda was Reports:

The Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed. A total of \$55,714.43 for the Golf Course, \$875.50 for the Front Side, and \$4,033 for Miniature Golf was transferred to County Treasurer for March 2012.

Other reports included in the packet for review are:

- Ben Geren Miniature Golf 2011-2012 Revenue & Expense Recap
- Softball 2008-2012 Revenue Recap
- Soccer 2008-2012 Revenue Recap
- Go-Cart 2008-2012 Revenue Recap

Miniature Golf revenue is up from last year

Park Administrator Report: Channon Toland

- A park tour is planned for the May meeting, to begin at 11:00 AM
- Soccer: Lighting bids have been opened and awarded; Benches have been received; Team shelters have been ordered
- Fencing: Bids will be opened Tuesday, April 10

- Softball: Restrooms fixtures are expected in the next three to four weeks; An artist has begun a mural on Field 4, Northside High School's home field
- Tennis: Court resurface bid has been awarded; Waiting on fencing to come in to coordinate the projects
- Disc Golf: We will be buying targets for the expansion; The Association will pay for the tees
- Miniature Golf: A lot of work has been done; The facility looks better this year than last year
- Fitness Track: We will remove rocks and repair bad spots
- Aquatics: Will be meeting with the City soon to come up with a design team
- Grants: Specs have been put together for the Ben Geren restroom and need to be approved by the State so it can go out for bid; Part of this grant is for Midland Park
- Fun Grant: Parking at Buckner Park is done; Needs to be striped
- Wildlife Trail Grant – In early stages; Need to start looking at how we can lay it out

Briefing on Golf Course Marketing: Channon Toland

- Annual Ticket: Sales began April 1
- Rates: Have not had a lot of negative feedback on rate increases
- Steve Nicholls is working with Boys and Girls Clubs this year as the local representative for PGA of America
- Other information included in the packet for review:
  - Goals for 2012
  - 2012 Rates
  - Free Clinic
  - April 2012 Calendar of Events
  - April 2012 Newsletter

Briefing on Golf Course Operations: Brian Cummins

- Core aerification was done last month; Will aerify with solid tines about every 21 days
- Attended Golf Industry Show; Learned about water

Park Operations: Bobby Faulkner

- Seasonal Maintenance: Two positions are filled starting today; One more position will be filled a little later
- EOC: Plants have been put in; Need to get the vines put on the fence; Will transplant some cedar trees from back side of park
- Special Events: April calendar was included in the packet for review

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Vincent, Administrative Secretary